



**MEMORANDUM**  
JANUARY 9, 2004

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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: DAVE MERRITT

RE: WATER PROJECTS ENTERPRISE - EAGLE RIVER OPERATIONS

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Eagle Park Reservoir filled to capacity on June 1st of this past year, and stayed at that level. We were able to make our exchange repayment to Homestake Reservoir from Wolford Mountain and Green Mountain Reservoirs in the amount of 926 acre feet. This is allowing us to stay ahead of the “payback” to the Homestake Partners, and will assist in developing the comfort level necessary to extend this arrangement further.

Eagle Park Reservoir went into this past fall at 3148 acre feet, or 100% of capacity. A total of 946 acre feet are anticipated to be released this winter to replace Eagle River depletions, from a combination of Eagle Park Reservoir. These releases allowed the snowmaking and associated uses in the Vail to Edwards area to continue without impacting the instream flow of Gore Creek and the Eagle River at this critical time of the year, both for the stream and for the area economy. .

To date, the District has issued 37 contracts with 1 contracts pending for Eagle River supplies in the amount of 249 acre feet, and we have transferred 50 acre feet to Eagle County. This demonstrates the need to proceed as soon as possible with Phase II of the Eagle River project, even if it is a downsized component. We essentially have no water available for any future contract requests. We are actively working with the Eagle River entities and the Homestake Partners to identify the next actions for Phase II. As a component of this, we will be working with these entities, and with Denver Water, to evaluate the feasibility of an off channel reservoir at Wolcott to supply these entities, as well as provide water for the Recovery Program’s 10,825 acre foot demand.